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ABRASIVES OUTPUT INCREASES;
SVATONOVICE MINE OPENS OLD GALLERY

PRODUCTION OF ABRASIVES INCREASES -- Zemedelske Noviny, No 71, 25 Mar 49

Since the war Czechoslovak industry has often lacked abrasives. The need for them increases faster than they can be produced by the Spojene Zavody na Vyrobu Karborunda a Elektritu (United Factories for the Production of Carborundum and Electrite) state enterprise in Benatky nad Jizerou, the only producers of these products in Czechoslovakia. Hourly production in 1948 was 48.3 percent higher than in 1937.

COAL MINE GALLERY REOPENED -- Prace, No 69, 23 Mar 49

The Svatonovice mine of the East-Czech Coal Mines pledged to reopen an old gallery this year. By 8 March 1949, 430 meters out of a total length of about 640 meters had been cleared, and the first seam of coal was found. The seam, 2 meters deep, had not been worked before probably because it contains quite loose coal. However, it is of very good quality and compares with Ostrava loose coal.

METAL INDUSTRY CHECKS ABSENTEEISM -- Ceskoslovensky Prumysl, No 2, Feb 49

Sickness currently claims more than 8 percent of the total number of workers in the metallurgy industry in Czechoslovakia, whereas before World War II it was about 5 percent. Great gains have been made in many factories by administering periodic medical check-ups and recording absenteeism on the part of each worker. In some cases absenteeism was cut by 40 percent immediately.

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